

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY INFORMATION – FOR 10-13-09 INFORMER

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IMPORTANT SCHOOL LEVY & BOND MEETINGS – YOUR INPUT NEEDED

PLEASE ATTEND: The Lake Washington School District will hold a series of public information meetings THIS WEEK, seeking input on the upcoming school levy & bond election, as follows:

Tuesday afternoon, October 13th – 3:00-4:30 PM at Kamiakin Junior High School;

Tuesday evening, October 13th – 7:00-8:30 PM at Juanita High School; and

Wednesday evening, Oct. 14th – 7:00-8:30 PM at Lake Washington High School.

Read more about the meetings at: http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/east_king/red/news/60338452.html.

SCHOOL LEVY & BOND ELECTION

On February 9th voters in the Lake Washington School District (LWSD) will be asked to renew existing local school levies and potentially approve a new school bond measure. School levies are revenues drawn from local property taxes that are used to pay for ongoing classroom programs beyond what the state pays for basic education. School levies provide for more than 18% of the LWSD general fund budget for staffing and ongoing programs. Levies expire every 4 years and must be renewed by a simple majority of 50% + 1 voters. A school bond is a debt instrument used to finance a specific long-term asset, such as the construction of a new school building. Bonds must be approved by a supermajority of 60% of voters.

For more information about how LWSD schools are funded and how your tax dollars are used, visit:

<http://www.lwsd.org/For-Community/Tax-Dollars/Pages/default.aspx>

WASHINGTON STATE PTA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Last weekend, delegates from PTA units across the state attended the annual Washington State PTA (WSPTA) Legislative Assembly to approve advocacy priorities for the coming year. The WSPTA is a non-partisan advocacy organization that promotes effective legislative and public policy changes benefiting children in our state. While the WSPTA does not endorse any political party or any individual candidate for office, it may support or oppose specific bills or ballot measures impacting children and education. Recently, the WSPTA Board announced its opposition to Initiative 1033, which will appear on the November general election ballot. To learn more about WSPTA legislative priorities and positions on upcoming ballot measures, visit: <http://www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/index.html>.

NOVEMBER 3rd GENERAL ELECTION

Ballots for the November general election will be mailed to registered voters this week. If you are not registered to vote, you may still do so in person at the King County Elections Office, located at 9010 East Marginal Way S, Tukwila, WA 98108. **Monday, October 26th is the voter registration deadline** for participating in the November general election. Completed ballots must be returned and postmarked no later than Tuesday, November 3rd. To obtain a personalized voter guide, with detailed information about the candidates and measures appearing on your November general election ballot – or to request a replacement ballot if you do not receive one by mail – visit:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections/voting.aspx>

KIRKLAND ANNEXATION TO BE DECIDED ON NOVEMBER 3rd

Sandburg Elementary and its surrounding neighborhoods are located in a portion of unincorporated King County that is proposed for annexation into the City of Kirkland. On November 3rd voters in these neighborhoods will decide whether to approve the proposed annexation measure, which will appear on the ballot as “*Proposition A: Finn Hill, Kingsgate, and North Juanita Annexation, Assumption of Indebtedness, and Adoption of Zoning Regulations*”. In order to approve annexation, at least 40% of

voters in the proposed annexation area who participated in the November 2008 presidential election must cast a vote on Proposition A, and 60% of those voters must vote to approve its passage. For more information about how your neighborhood parks, law enforcement, government services, utilities, property taxes, and land-use regulations would be affected by the proposed annexation measure, visit:

<http://your.kingcounty.gov/annex/kirkland.aspx>

<http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/depart/CMO/Annexation.htm>